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COLOR SENSOR

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

6 A color sensor for generating color information defining
 7 colors of an image includes an input section, a color processing
 8 section, a color comparison section, a color boundary processing
 9 section and a memory processing section. The input section
 10 includes an array of transducer pairs, each pair defining one of
 11 a plurality of pixels. Each transducer pair generates two peak
 12 outputs, one for the selected color of each transducer of the
 13 pair. A plurality of pixel processors in the color processing
 14 section each receives the outputs from one of the transducer
 15 pairs. The color processing section generates a color feature
 16 vector representative of the brightness of the light incident on
 17 the pixels and a color value corresponding to the ratio of
 18 outputs from the transducers comprising the transducer pair
 19 associated with the pixels. The color boundary processing
 20 section generates a plurality of color boundary feature vectors,
 21 each representing the difference between the color value for a
 22 pixel and its neighboring pixels. The color comparator processor
 23 measures and compares the reflective color of two objects and the
 24 memory processor section provides a process to recognize a color,
 25 a boundary of color and/or a comparison of colors.